

# THEÔRIA AS COGNITION IN PLATO

## International Plato Society Middle East Meeting Middle East Technical University, Department of Philosophy

### May 24, Wednesday (KKM, Room D)

- 09:00-10:30 **Marco Picciafuochi** (Roma Tre University / University of Rome Tor Vergata) | Imaging Cognition. *Theôria* and Conceptual Metaphors in Plato's *Republic*  
**Cesare Simone Astorino** (University of Pavia, Northwestern Italian Philosophy Consortium) | Plato's Philosopher and the *Theôros*: Seeing Divinity through its Images
- 10:45-12:45 **Béatrice Lienemann** (Université de Fribourg) | Plato on the Ascent to Knowledge  
Respondent: **Hikmet Ünlü** (Hacettepe University)
- 14:00-14:45 **Abida Malik** (Johannes Kepler University Linz) | *Theôria* as Understanding of First Causes
- 15:00-17:00 **Mehmet Erginel** (Eastern Mediterranean University) | Plato on the Pains of Philosophy  
Respondent: **James Griffith** (METU)
- 17:15-18:00 **Shane Fair** (University of Ottawa) | Understanding the Epistemic Journey of Plato's Philosophical *Theôros* through the Lens of Uprootedness

### May 25, Thursday (KKM, Room D)

- 09:00-10:30 **Victoria Rowe Holbrook** (İstanbul Bilgi University) | *Theôria* in Islamic Platonism  
**Tonguç Seferoğlu** (Ardahan University) | Philosophers and Their Noisy Neighbours: How Can Philosophers Lead a Life of Contemplation?
- 10:45-13:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Elisabetta Cattanei** (Catholic University of Sacred Heart) | The Dark Side of "Theôria" as Cognition in Plato: Mathematics  
Respondent: **Damien Storey** (Koç University)
- 14:00-14:45 **Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides** (Macquarie University) | Crises of Perceptions: The Manic Aspects of Platonic *Theôria* and its Civic Applications
- 15:00-17:00 **Andrew German** (Ben Gurion University of the Negev) | Plato on Noticing  
Respondent: **Daniel Wolt** (Bilkent University)
- 17:15-18:00 **Joseph Bjelde** (Humboldt Universität) | *Theôria* in *Laws* 1

### May 26, Friday (Social Sciences Building, B14)

- 09:30-11:00 **Doğacan İsmet** (METU) | The Dynamic in Diotima's "Ladder of Love"  
**Giulia Cervato** (University of Padua) | Blindness and Eleusis Mysteries in Plato's *Phaedrus*
- 11:15-13:30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Mauro Bonazzi** (Utrecht University) | The Psychology of Contemplation  
Respondent: **Ömer Aygün** (Galatasaray University / Utrecht University)

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